

# The Daily Courant.

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**I**N an Account that was given not long since, in one of the Daily Courants, of the Celebration of Christmas-Day at Rome, it was said, among other things, That the Pope, attended by the College of Cardinals, officiating that Day before the High Altar in St. Peter's Cathedral, in the Middle of the Mass, pronounc'd a Homily in Latin on the Birth of Christ: This Homily the Paris Gazette of January 20 commends very highly; and the Printing of it in Italy with publick Allowance, shews the Roman Catholicks have no little esteem of it on that side the Alps. A Copy of the Florence Edition having been lately communicated to us; finding it of a different Composition, both in the Matter and Style, from any thing of the like Nature among us, that 'tis very short, and undoubtedly genuine considering where it was printed, We thought it not improper, on account of the Singularity and Novelty of the thing, to insert a Translation of it in this Paper; after having given the most considerable News that came by the last Mails.

**T**HE Night pass'd away, the Day succeeded: The Day of Redemption, of Restoration, of Eternal Happiness; in which God perform'd a wonderful thing on Earth; commiserating our Infirmities he descended from the lofty Seat of Paternal Glory, and vouchsaf'd to appear on Earth, with his resplendent Brightness to restore Lost Light to Mankind. He came, the Desire of all Nations came, from Libanus he came, and from his Royal Throne; The Earth open'd and brought forth a Saviour. All Dread of Punishment for old Transgressions, which Human Frailty, beguil'd by the Artifices of the Devil, had incurr'd, now ceas'd. Nature, purified from her long contracted Vileness, return'd to her first Dignity, from Iniquity to Innocence, from Old to New things. To make Gods of Men, God became Man; and continuing a Creator, made himself a Creature. In the beginning of Time, God made Man in his own Image and Likeness; in the fullness of Time, God became Man in our Image and Likeness. The first Man was of the Earth Earthly, the second Man was the Lord from Heaven: The former, regardless of God's Commands, introduc'd

Condemnation for Sin; the latter, born under the Law, brought in Deliverance from Justice. The one, being Man, would be a God, that he might perish; the other, being God, was willing to be a Man, that he might quicken what had perish'd. Thus he, who, before Time was, was the only Begotten of the Father; in Time, was born the only one of the Mother. Immortal with the Father, Mortal by the Mother. From the Father the Source of Life, from the Mother the End of Death. Created, after the Mother, of the Mother; Uncreate, before the Mother, of the Father. Without whom the Father never was; without whom the Mother had never been. Wonderful is the Power indeed, but much more wonderful the Compassion, that he who could so be born, would be so born: God would be so born, Venerable Brethren! Beloved Sons! to heal the Wounds of Ancient Pride by the Remedy of unexampled Humility: Wherefore he chose a time to be number'd among Men, when Rome the Empress of Nations, had commanded all Mankind to be register'd, to shew the Extent of her proud Conquest. The Lord hanging on a Virgin's Breast, was first beheld by poor Shepherds, directed by Angels; thus what was hidden from the Wise and Prudent, the most High reveal'd to despicable Persons; and designing to make Fisher-men his Disciples, chose Shepherds to be Witnesses of his Birth. The Heavenly Child, swaddled in Rags, while the chill Night encreas'd the Winter's Cold, was coustly laid in Straw. A Country Shed receiv'd the Divine Mother, to whom the Inn afforded no Room: The needy Mother, and her helpless Son, lay in as poor a Hovel; The Mother in the Hay, the Son in the Manger. Such Lodging chose the Creator of the World, such Child-bed Entertainment had the Sacred Virgin. O empty Pride of Man, shamed by the humble Birth of God! O fallacious Riches, condemn'd by the Poverty of Christ! O fleeting Pleasures of the World overthrown by the Crib of our Redeemer. Let us learn, Beloved! the new Precepts which Wisdom teaches us by our Master, before he made use of Words. Falsly are we stiled Christians, unless we imitate Christ: Let us look to the Rock from which we were hewn, the Pit from which we were digg'd, what the Father lov'd, let us Children love: Let us Servants follow our Lord in the

the way he went. We said before with the Apostle, the first Man was of the Earth Earthly, the second Man was the Lord from Heaven: We now add, with the same Apostle, as we have born the Image of the Earthly, let us also bear the Image of the Heavenly. Let us cast off the Works of Darkness, which the Son of God came to dispel: and let us put on the Armour of Light, which the Eternal Sun brought down from Heaven: that by acting up to the Dignity of our Regeneration, and walking honestly as in the Day, God assisting and leading us to his Promises, we may merit to behold for ever, that Saviour of the World, reigning in His Majesty in the Heavens, whom we now adore on Earth, for being this Day born in our Flesh.

**ON** Wednesday next, being the 3d of March, at Stationers-Hall in Ludgate-street, will be perform'd an Ode in Praise of Mulick, written by Mr. Hughes, and set for variety of Voices and Instruments by Mr. Phil. Hart, beginning at Six in the Afternoon. Tickets may be had at the Smirna and the Gaunt Coffee-Houses in the Pallmall, Squire's at Gray's-Inn, and Garraway's and Robin's in Exchange-Alley. The Words are printed for B. Lintott Bookseller at the Middle-Temple-Gate, where Tickets also may be had.

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